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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Att: Docketing Dept.
P.O. Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

To Whom It May Concern: The Office of Regulatory Staff

Please accept this letter of protest of the recent rate increase which has been applied for by SCE&G. The rate increase, if granted, will surely be followed by requests from every supplier in the state. Why is it that our state is one of the poorest in the nation but our utility companies want to reap some of the highest profits, In this time of recession, SCE&G needs to sacrifice a little just like many South Carolinians are doing.

- SCE&G was approved for a 2.5 percent rate increase annually for the next decade, following a 4.4 percent rate hike in 2008.
- New rate hike will boost residential power bills for the average SCE&G customer by about \$140 a year by July 2011.
- For Duke Power customers, the cost of 1,000 kilowatt hours is about \$93, following its recent rate increase. For SCE&G, the same level of power costs \$118. The rate boost, if granted, would put it at \$130.
- SCE&G has higher rates than other investor-owned utilities, as well as publicly owned Santee-Cooper.

Please do not grant SCE&G's request for a rate increase.

Sincerely,



James Jordan

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